

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph 0018, beginning at Page 7, Line 17, of the Specification with the following:

[0018] A pair of degenerate oligonucleotide (Forward primer, GGITGYDSIDSIGGICCIAAYAC (SEQ ID NO: 9); Reverse primer, ARIYKIIYYRTRRAISWICCGG (SEQ ID NO: 10) was synthesized, based on the region conserved among TCS1 (Kato et al., 2000, GenBank accession no. AB031280) and two proteins (Z99708 and AC008153), with their functions unknown, of *Arabidopsis thaliana*. These oligonucleotides correspond to amino acid sequences of GC(A/S)(A/S)GPNT (SEQ ID NOs: 11-14) and PGSF(H/Y)(G/K)(R/N)LF (SEQ ID NOs: 15-22), respectively. In a 25  $\mu$ l of reaction mixture containing *Coffea arabica* cDNA and the above-mentioned primer pair, PCR was performed under the conditions described below. That is, after reaction at 94°C for one minute, 30 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 30 seconds, annealing at 52°C for 30 seconds and extension at 72°C for one minutes was performed, which was followed by a final extension at 72°C for 7 minutes, whereby the PCR reaction was completed. The amplified cDNA fragment of about 270 base pairs was used for screening of cDNA library.  
(cDNA library construction and screening)